

Matrix of Credentialing Options

	Candidate/Student Category	Agency Category	Supervised Practice Category	Independent Practice Category
Education	Some basic education relevant to field of study And continuing ed	Basic mental health training that could be made available at a community college setting And continuing ed	Basic mental health training that could be made available at a community college setting	In addition to mandatory HIV/AIDS training add mandatory reporting training and assessment of suicidal ideation and duty to warn
Experience	Whatever is required for entry into the program	To be determined by hiring agency	To be determined by hiring agency	Whatever the counselor thinks is relevant
Examination	Again, whatever is required for the program.	none	none	none
Supervision	I would assume that in a practicum setting there is a professor or someone supervising the student	Routine and regular consultation with a licensed mental health therapist.	Routine and regular consultation with a licensed mental health therapist	Routine and regular consultation with a licensed mental health therapist
Title	Student counselor	Mental health technician	Mental health technician	Registered wellness counselor

Limitation in Scope	Co-sign documentation by supervisor	To be determined by supervisor in the agency of hire	To be determined by supervisor in the agency of hire	Self determined
Regulatory implementation	This is a time limited offer, the candidate must complete the program within a fixed period of time	To be determined by the rigors of regulating agencies	To be determined by the rigors of regulating agencies	Investigation by authorities at DOH if complaints are filed
Stakeholder Implications	This is a student position	This is a position that is filled by a certain provider with specific credentials and does not infringe upon other providers territory who have different training	This is a position that is filled by a certain provider with specific credentials and does not infringe upon other providers territory who have different training	The counselors in this category have presented themselves to be interested in modalities not typically utilized by licensed therapists. The sense that I have gotten is that the counselors in this category operate in the support/advocacy arena and with wellness, be it spiritual or emotional. This clearly differentiates them from therapists who are invested in

				DSM 4 dx and psychotherapeutic modalities that are geared towards treating specific mental illness. In other words, the consumer who would seek a wellness counselor is looking for something other than what is offered by a traditional therapist.
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